

## Message Text

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R 231914Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7493  
AMEMBASSY BOGOTA  
AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS  
AMEMBASSY MADRID

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STATE PASS OPIC

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIN, CS  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED N-REN PROJECT: OPIC ANALYSIS

REF: STATE 976595##

1. C & I GIRDLER DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED FERTICA'S  
FERTILIZER PLANT IN PUNTARENAS IN 1962-63. THE PLANT WAS  
A TURN-KEY PROJECT CONSISTING OF FACILITIES FOR THE PRO-  
DUCTION OF NITRIC ACID AND AMMONIA NITRATE WITH A DESIGN  
CAPACITY OF 225 AND 180 METRIC TONS/DAY RESPECTIVELY AND  
A "COMPLEX" OR MIXING OPERATION OF 350 M.T./DAY. THE  
PLANT IS PRESENTLY OPERATING AT NEAR ITS DESIGN CAPACITY.  
C & I GIRDLER HAS NO PRESENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE PLANT.

2. NONE OF THE PRESENT OR FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE LOCAL  
ESSO OFFICE WHOM THE EMBASSY CONTACTED WERE AWARE THAT  
ESSO HAD ANY PART IN THIS PROJECT. HOWEVER, IT  
IS POSSIBLE THAT ESSO'S PARTICIPATION, PARTICULARLY  
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IF IT WAS TECHNICAL, MAY HAVE BEEN HANDLED DIRECTLY  
FROM THE U.S. RATHER THAN THROUGH THE LOCAL OFFICE.

3. THE DIRECTOR OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS DIVISION  
OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE  
DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE GOCR PARTICIPATED AS A  
JOINT VENTURE PARTNER IN THIS PROJECT.

4. ING. ESTRADA, A FERTICA EMPLOYEE WHO MONITORED CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT FOR THE COMPANY, STATED THAT C & I GIRDLER DID AN EXCELLENT JOB; THERE WERE, AND HAVE BEEN, NO PROBLEMS OR DEFECTS OF ANY KIND AND THE PROJECT WAS COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE.

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NOTE BY OC/T: ##REFERENCE NOT IDENTIFIED.

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